

retracting an outer sheath proximally to deploy the occlusive distal section;  
and

further retracting the outer sheath proximally to cause radial expansion of  
the main body.

158. (New) The method of claim 157 further comprising:  
performing an interventional procedure; and  
aspirating emboli generated during the interventional procedure into the  
lumen of the catheter.

### **REMARKS**


By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have added new claims 149-158. In  
presenting new claims 149-158, Applicants have copied, with slight modifications to  
certain claims as pointed out below, claims 1-6 and 16-19 of U.S. Patent Application  
Publication No. 2002/0022859 A1, which published on February 21, 2002. Claims 149-  
153 and 155-158 are identical to claims 1-5 and 16-19, respectively, of U.S. Patent  
Application Publication No. 2002/0022859 A1. New dependent claim 154, while not  
having identical language to claim 6 in U.S. Patent Application Publication No.  
2002/0022859 A1, corresponds to the same subject matter of dependent claim 6 in that  
application publication.

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